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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 862  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the soldiers of the 568<sup>th</sup> Ordnance  
Heavy Maintenance Company Association on  
the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to recognize those outstanding citizens who have risked their lives through military service during times of war, so that we Americans and the world as a whole might enjoy the many bounties of peace and democracy; and

WHEREAS, from September 28-30, 2000, the brave soldiers of the 568<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company, a Tennessee National Guard company, will celebrate their annual reunion and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Donelson at the Airport Marriott; and

WHEREAS, the occasion will be commemorated with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present, and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 1950, this most acclaimed 568<sup>th</sup> company was activated into Federal service during the Korean War; the company was comprised of draftees, reservists and regular army personnel; and

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WHEREAS, this esteemed group, including 205 individuals from Nashville, was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky and subsequently to Japan and Korea, where they remained through 1953; and

WHEREAS, the story of these intrepid soldiers was front page news when they were activated and later by a Nashville Banner photographer as they raised the Tennessee flag over the airstrip in Taejon; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of this most skilled division were invaluable to the war effort in the course of their meritorious service during the Korean War; two of the men instrumental in the forming of the outfit will be present at the reunion, they are Major Sam Fulghum of Hermitage and CWO Floyd Ingram of Arrington; and

WHEREAS, yet another notable member who will be present is Billy Jones, the past Advocate General for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, some of the men in the outfit were members of the 30<sup>th</sup> Division in World War II, yet another display of their undying commitment and loyalty to this state and country; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding bravery and meritorious service of this remarkable division has been highly praised and honored; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 568<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company have persevered and prospered during the post-war years and are valuable, contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS, they have worked hard in their chosen professions and have raised their families to do likewise, while showing respect for their fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, as the celebration of the 2000 Reunion of the 568<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company Association approaches, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to recognize these valiant soldiers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we honor and commend the members of the 568<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company on the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion, and extend to each member our best wishes for good health and many happy returns. We thank these brave soldiers for the invaluable service they rendered to their state and country in its time of greatest need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.